JUDITH LEE HER NEWAND WONDERFUL DETECTIVE FEATS

taking my case in a long chair close to on our wedding night." the sea-wall. In front of me, in the glow at little tables having refreshments. At take it she has tons of money." one of these was a gentleman whose name I knew, talking to one who was to me a at any rate, enough money to pay you,

complete stranger. The first gentleman's name was Arm stage-Cecil Armitage. He was an amazingly handsome young man, perhaps in the late twenties. He was staying in my hotel, and was the cause of no little amusement to some of the other visitors. He, a young man of seven or eight and twenty, evidently of birth and breeding, was paying the most marked attention to a woman who was one of the greatest jokes in Dieppe-Miss Drawbridge

Miss Drawbridge, commonly known "Gertrude," to people who had never spoken to her to their lives, was a sort of standing dish at Dieppe. She was supposed to have been there longer than the oldest inhabitant; she had certainly been a frequenter for quite a number of years

Imagine the sensation which stirred the air when it became known that this perfeet Adon's was engaged to "Gertrude." Had not Miss Drawbridge announced the fact herself. I fancy few people would have believed it.

There was I on the terrace, in my long drinking what looked to me very like stranger. Of course, the man was quite stranger. Of course, but I have yel"Then it looks as if you'll have to get "Then it looks as if you'll have to get lom seen a man whose looks I liked less. He was a sallow, hatchet-faced man, with his manner toward Mr. Armitage, he seemed to me to be positively bullying ! him. That was one reason why I watched rat." what they said, and some very surprising as fast as ever you can, and take her by observations—I cannot say I heard—I saw. the scruff of the neck and squeeze that sions, I, lip reader that I am, could not have gained a more intimate acquaintance with them had they bawled them in my

The first thing I saw was the stranger's thin lips contorting themselves as, in what I imagined to be an angry undertone, they formed these words, which I
have no doubt, judging from the expression of his face, he snapped out at Mr.

Armitage as if he were an angry terrier:
"Don't you make any mistake about it,
my boy. I've not come ever to Dieppe to
be fooled with. I'm going to have you
he fooled with I'm going to have you.

Alternate took himself off, with an air of indifference which was very well done; he could not have had a very careless feeling in his heart. Almost immediately Mr. Clarke followed with the evident intention of dogsing his steps.

What on earth was I to do? I could not allow a person of my own sex to enter into what I knew would be such a
hideous marriage without making some
hattenpt to lay before her the facts upon what I imagined to be an angry under-

or the money in four-and-twenty hours. attempt to lay before her the facts upon which my knowledge was based.

you get a chance of laying the lash cause the across my back."

he throat and strike him with his glass to the pinch.

What she said I could not see, but a lot of money from an uncle, whom I was the pinch to ask a woman for money when opportunity of doing her good.

"When I was thirty-circle it came into it came to the pinch.

What she said I could not see, but a lot of money from an uncle, whom I was the said I could not see, but a lot of money from an uncle, whom I loing something which would divert his hesitation; attention, when he seemed all at once to ourselves?" change his purpose, and tenning right back, positively laughed.

not, if you'll wait."

"I know a good deal about you, my lad about all there is to learn-but I don't know where you're going to get anything like that amount of money from, unless you've found some one else to rob,"

You've found some one else to rob,"

Clarke sidle up to Mr. Armitage. Both their faces were in plain sight. I could

WAS spending my summer holidays an; how every pulse throbs with loathing at Dieppe. One evening I was sit- when she comes near me." He gave what ting, all alone by myself, on the seemed to me to be a great sigh. "I terrace outside the Casino. I was shouldn't wonder if I were to murder he

"She must be a walking nightmare of the electric light, people were seated What is the fortunate lady's name? I

> "Her name is Drawbridge, and she has Clarke." "I hope there will be a little left for

you when I am paid, I do really, my dear boy. "Well, there may be or there mayn't;

but I'm marrying her to get the money to pay you, and that's the whole, plain Mr. Armitage was about to rise from

his chair when the other leaned right over the table and stopped him, "One moment, Armitage, one moment.

When are you going to touch that money, 6h22 "I can't tell you the exact day now,

can 17 I only proposed to her yesterday. It was your telegram that brought me to the sticking point." "I'm afraid I shall have to push you

a little beyond the sticking point. I'm in a note myself. I've got to find at least five hundred pounds in four-and-twenty

"Perfectly true. I shall be in a very inconvenient position if I don't find it; and it's got to come from you. Can you get five hundred pounds out of your fair There was I on the terrace in my long indy between this and tomorrow night? If chair, and there was Mr. Armitage, you can I'll wait a few days for the rest. but five hundred I've got to have before arsinthe-fancy drinking absinthe at that the alternative if I don't. There's sometime of night, or, so far as that goes, at thing else-I should like a hundred to-any time and talking to a perfect night."

a hundred for me and a bit over for your-

Mr. Armitage, looking steadily at the an upturned mustache which I hate other, seemed to see something in his case which made him seem to be looking what he said. A grim look came on his In two directions at once Nor sid I like own face as I saw him say: "I'll see what "You'd better. Where is the lady?"

"Punting, in the club; playing bacca-Then you'd better cut off to the chil

And, as always is the case on such occa- hundred out of her while she's got it to Mr. Armitage got up from his chair

"Where shall I find you, at the hotel or here?" You'll find me all over the place, my

lad, don't you make any mistake. I'm not going to lose sight of you till I've got my money, or got you in Jal."

Mr. Armitage took himself off, with an

itude, and then the smile will come off search of Miss Drawbridge, finding her, as I had expected in that part of the building which is found in every French building which is found in every French casticular moment, as any on e could see: is called "cerele prive," as if it ever is, Armitane? Stayon the contrary, he looked very much disin any sense of the word, a "club," or ought to tell you in the contrary, he looked very much disincred. The way in which he leaned
arose the table helped me to realize the
arnestness which I felt sure was in his
core as he repled to the other's threat,
in words, which as I saw each fresh one
haped on his line, surprised me
more,

"Don't be absurd, Clarke, I can't perfour the impossible, I can't perfour and-twenty hours; but you shall
are the contrary, he looked very much disin any sense of the word, a "club," or
any sense of the word as special but
a probability he repeated to him; and
was sented at one of the back as a plante that what you say will
be any sense of the word, a "club," or
any sense of the wo

awfully glad you've had a bit of luck, because the fact is it's all the other way with me. I can't do anything right, and, between curselves—" I saw him hesitate again: I amagine that the decent man which was n him made it difficult to the same that I had not embraced an opportunity of doing her good. There was a pause. Mr. Armitage between ourselves. I saw him hesi-tate again; I amagine that the decent man which was in him made it difficult

He made a stumbling effort to explain what it was he wanted.
"You know, it's like this: I'm awfully I

"What nonsense it is. Clarke, our talkng like this. I tell you again, you shall
have your money, with thumping interShe cut him short. I could not tell with

what words, but her hand dived into her

the fand a rogue, and two or three other was there as stays.

It is sounds as if it were going to be rid of you and save my without any preamble, as here if from the treadmill.

This sounds as if it were going to be rid of you and save my without any preamble, as here if from the treadmill.

This sounds as if it were going to be rid of you and save my without any preamble, as here if from the treadmill.

The sounds as if it were going to be rid of you and save my without any preamble, as he to the price of making how long you've been here? I have no the price of making how long you've been here? I that the other was there, I that the other was there. Then, as he to the price of making how long you've been here? I that the other was there. Then, as he to the price of making how long you've been here? I that the other was there. Then, as he to the told her then came a staggering question. Then came a staggering question as if it were going to be the price of making how long you've been here? I that the other was there. Then, as he told her then came a staggering question. Then came a staggering question as if it were going to be to making how long you've been here? I that the other was there. Then, as he to the told her then came a staggering question. The price of making how long you've been here? I that the other was there. Then, as he to the told her then came a staggering question. The price of making how long you've been here? I that the deferminance of the told her then came a staggering question. The price of making how long you've been here? I that the

V--THE MIRACLE

By RICHARD MARSH



"Who the deuce are you, and what do you mean by talk lng to me like this?"

"I'm afraid it does."
"What have you found out

four and-twenty hours; but you shall save your money, with a thumping interset. If you will only give me reasonable "Mel, what lack" How many banks time."

I saw Armitage ask her, with an attempt at a smile. "You don't think I'm very much to looked at what to me, were sacred of lady was speaking when I saw them from New York City, Fred, this is Miss room with a point of view. I'm not; I here outside or in, When I was young I was very look at, who have pour banks as toward me, so that I had a broken an above make, or that I was from his regionder. The back was toward me, so that I could not help seeing them. The looked at what to me, work think I'm very much to looked at what to me, were sacred first. "So you've been making more money?"

I'm has not improved me, either outside or in, When I was young I was very look at, who have speaking the number of lady was speaking when I saw them for think I'm very much to looked at what to me, were sacred first. "So you've been making more money?"

I'm has not improved me, either outside or in, When I was young I was very look at, who has peaking their lips."

I had nightmares because of Miss bank and as she said it she looked at what to me, we she said; and as she said it she looked at what to me, we she said; and as she

"That's great news." I fancy be he hesitated. Would be have the assurance to ask for that hundred pounds for Mr. Clarke. You may have the whip-hand of me, but I'll break your neck before you get a chance of laying the lash.

conceive of her as saying, struck by his don't remember to have ever seen. It hesitation: "Well, and what is it between turned my head: I thought that money turned my head; I thought that money could do anything. I decided that now 1 would marry, and that I would marry just the sort of man I had always hoped I would do You see, I had practically no knowledge of the world at all-how

fill her glass.

ike that amount of money from, unless you've found some one else to rob."

I thought Mr. Armitage would reacht in faces were in plain sight. I could the remark as he had done the others, and I believe that for a moment it was the intention to do so, but again he changed his purpose, and I saw these remarkable words come from his lips in rewards.

I thought Mr. Armitage to Mr. Armitage Both the seeme to fill him with the such geome as we've neity old they seems to fill him with the such seemed as we've neity old they seems to fill him with the such seemed as we've neity old they seems to fill him with the such geome to fill him with the such geome to fill him with the such seemed as we've neity old they seems to fill him with the such geome to fill him with the such geome to fill him with the such geome and as we've neity old they seems to fill him with the such geome to fill him with the such geome to make one; and as we've neity old they seemed to come what, from an Englishman, would the who was to seemed as imply seems to fill him with the such geome to make more; and as we've neity old they seemed to would sake me they seemed to make more; and as we've neity old they seemed to make more; and as we've neity old they seemed to make more; and as we've neity old they seemed to make more; and as we've neity old they seemed to make more; and as we've neity old they seemed to make more; and as we've neity old they seemed to make more; and as we've neity old they seemed to make more; and as we've neity old they seemed to make more; and as we've neity old they seemed to would the who was very much in the faces were in plain sight. I could they were the kind of men whom I would not, as the saying is, have touched with they were the kind of men whom I would not, as the supply seems to seemed a simply of they who was very much i

It was not straing that Mr. Clarke occupied by Mr. Armitage, and his grient. As I took the clark in front or has in earnest; then he asked, with a mile which made him an even more unit as which was not made the made him and hooked at me as if she wondered if him and looked at me as if she wondered him had looked at me as if she wond

will surprise or burt me in the least. I'm me, she gave me a cold little nod and prepared to pay a good lump sum to get walked on.

It clear of all his messes, then I'm go That evening, after dinner, I was sitting She sat down with meek and heartren. She sat down with meek and heartren. before you speak I him clear of all his messes, then I'm go- That evening, after dinner, I was sitting

of bed with the feeling strong upon me easy to make, or that I hadn't the knack. I did not wait for Mr. Curtis to speak. It full that, if I could possible help it, that, to of making it."

As he said it, he looked to me as if he ginning to look at me with a sort of

and, so far as I could make out, had been took her hand in his. I could see how quizzing me, but I did not care if he was though she had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he how hers softened, too.

The old gentleman, bending toward her, voice which made me wonder if he was quizzing me, but I did not care if he was "Who are your deserving couple, Miss Lee?"

inead:

"I have—I've found a woman."

It was not strange that Mr. Clarke coked at him as if he wondered if he coked at him as if he wondered if he rest each of the chair in front of was in earnest; then he asked, with a more withing as he moved away, and to be his wife—which was nice. No one clse ever did, so I made a fool of myself by a stranger. As I was strolling off the very table on the terrace which had been lately occupied by Mr. Armitage and his coked at him as if he wondered if he friend. As I took the chair in front of was in earnest; then he asked, with a life which was nice. No one clse ever did, so I made a fool of myself by as stranger. As I was strolling off the very table on the terrace which had been lately occupied by Mr. Armitage and his clarked at him as if he wondered in the people had gone, or the coked at him as if he wondered in the people had gone, or the coked at him as if he wondered in the people had gone, or the coked at him as if she wondered in the people had gone, or the coked at him as if he wondered in the people had gone, or the coked at him as if he wondered in the people had gone, or the coked at him as if he wondered in the people had gone, or the coked at him as if she wondered in the people had gone, or the coked at him as if she wondered in the people had gone, or the coked at him as if she wondered in the people had gone, or the coked at him to her; so I drew off in other which was nice. No one clse ever did, so I made a fool of myself by way of seeking consolation."

The waiter brought her a fresh edition the terrace which had been lately occupied by Mr. Armitage and him of that curious concoction; she put the people had a small brown bag in her had been lately occupied by Mr. Armitage and him of that curious concoction; she put the properties of the people had a small brown bag in her had been lately occupied by Mr. Armitage and him of that curious concoction; she put the properties of the people had gone, a girl who had a small brown bag in her had been lately occupi

from Newhaven. After dejenner, as there it's piling up at the bank as it is, so that was a pretty stormy sea, I thought I I'm ashamed to look my bank book in would go and see what the passengers the face, there's such a lot of it. I won-each other, which I did not wonder at—I looked like. As I was going I fell in with der you can't find some better occupation was so hot and eager, so very much in Mrs. Curtis, one of the dearest old ladies for your time than making money when sarnest.

I have ever met. She was an American, you've got more than you want already."

Mr. Curtis asked, with something in his and, so far as I could make out, had been. The old gentleman, bending toward her, voice which made me wonder if he was

no knowledge of the world at all-how can a woman have who has lived a life like mine? It took seven or eight years to make it clear to me that, in thinking because I had got money I could marry the sort of man I wanted to, I was a fool."

She smiled, and the whole of her face seemed to be dislocated to enable her to do so, and she beckened the waiter to so, and she beckened the waiter to so, and she beckened the waiter to fill her glass.

Intouch she had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he was still was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody said was a millionaire. It seemed that he had a husband who everybody have seeming to like to do someone a good tit hell you don't happen to know of a man, would be easy? You don't happen to know of a man, would be easy and the world as well were heaven and hell? There must be such people in the world somewhat, from an tending the man and the fill her od someone a good to see how quick he was at getting world with some of that las; money I've been making—I've been that it would be easy?

Then I told them all about it, in just

"Margery, you shouldn't have cept that it's Margery.

be a time when I don't want you! I was "I don't know what use you intend to half beside myself for want of you then." make of the information, but I have no She moved forward; he put his hands as objection, since you appear to know all if to stop her. "You mustn't, you ready, to telling you that Miss Stainer is mustn't." He drew himself a little more dearer to me than anything else in the "Margery, I'm going to be mar-

tain that you're going to be married?

"It's either that or fall."
"You are sure-perfectly sure?"
"Absolutely. Clarke is here; he wants

There was such an accent on the pronoun-I knew it from the look which was
on his face. I could see she winced.
"I know; I've heard all about her. I
don't know what to advise you to do
You know you will be committing a great
the least degree any feeling of the sam
if don't know what she saw on my face
but she seemed to see something which sin-if you marry her. I noticed that it her name. "I know you. Ceril your weakness and your strength. I do not think you will ever cease to love me."

"I am as sure of that as that you are are standing here; it's the only thin h I am sure. cel of my life, of my very being '

"That being so, do you think you ought to marry-her, even to save yourself" "It's not only to save myself-it's to save you. If I don't marry her I shall be sent to jail-there's no alternative. Then, when I come out, as likely as not I shall marry you."

Well-what then?" The smile which lighted up her face was one which, my instinct told me, only comes to the wom-

an who holds the worl well lost for love. Her question made him flame into anser. Her question made him flame into anger "What then? Everything then! Margery, you shant marry a jallbird—you shall not. If I'm to be branded as a felon. I'll never carry on the brand to you, and to our children—never, never. As God is my witness, you shall not be a felon's wife. So the thing resolves itself into this: If I don't marry this woman I shall become a jallbird—Clarke will make me my disposal. Now, do not ask question in the second of the fund which I have a my disposal. Now, do not ask question. ome a jailbird-Clarke will make me ; then-you'll be such a temptation to me. Margery. I've been tempted once and Tve fallen, but what was that temptation compared to you? I'll not dare to risk it. So it's good-by, Margery. I've no right to kiss you, the mere thought of your lips against mine drives me mad. I'm going-I'm going to marry that woman-

and I'm going to her now."

And apparently he went-he positively ran. And the girl never turned even to follow him with her eyes, but remained stock still where he had left her; then did as he had done-looked out scross the light-black sea.
I sat still and watched her till I could

bear it no longer; then I went to her and

"Will you come with me, please, while I speak to some friends." She glanced at me as she might have done at a ghost. I do not think she quite realized that I was a creature of flesh and blood. So I reached out and took her by the hand and said to her again: "I—I think I can help will be married." "Oh!" Margery gasped: I had to some with me while I speak. you if you'll come with me while I speak to some freinds."

Oh! Margery gasped: I had to an arm round her waist to held steady.

She did not utter a sound, or try to. I steady, She did not utter a sound, or try to. I think her heart was broken. She just let me take her by the hand and lead her where I would; she moved as if she were a doctle child. I saw, in the distance, that Mr. and Mrs. Curtis were still where I had left them; so I placed her on a chair within sight, and I said, as if I had been speaking to a child:

"Sit there, please, and don't move; in the light of the sound come close up to it in the province of the lead against my breast a ball in the head against my breast a ball in the head against my breast a

'Sit there, please, and don't move; in

As he said it, he looked to me as if he ginning to look at me with a sort of take place—I would do that unfortunate woman good in spite of herself.

When I got down almost the first person I saw was Mr. Cecil Armitage, looking so glum, so unhappy, so desperate, and, I could not but think, so ashamed of himself, that my resolution was strengthed.

It is quite the think at Dieppe to go down to the quay to see the boat come in from Newhaven. After deleuner, as there

I walked as far away from them as I could get, to the other end of the terrace, where I was a witness of quite a different scene. There was Mr. Armitage, it as table in a corner of the restanding close up against the sea wall, of him and a most dismal expression on looking out across the night-half was

a blow. "Margery, you shouldn't have come."
"I had to come: I couldn't help coming. I couldn't stay away. I thought you might want me."
"Want you? As if there's ever likely to be a time when I don't want you! I was half headen when I don't want you! I was half headen week if something had happened to the foundations of the world!
"I don't know what use you intend to

"Is that true" Is it quite, quite certact from you. Without thrusting myse ain that you're going to be married?"

"It's either that or fall."

"It's either that or fall."

"It's either that or fall." a Stainer-

his money, he'll take a warrant out if he doesn't get it soon. I can only get it mured—just murmured; I could see it from—her."

Words better than I could hear them.

She did not answer—she looked at me I don't know what she saw on my face but she seemed to see something which induced her to draw close and take m right hand in both of hers, and—that wa all, but I understood as I immediate adecatear. That being the case, it is evidently d

s ratio that you should be married at the saliest possible moment"—you shoul have seen their faces—"and a friend ha placed funds at my disposal which wi placed funds at my disposal which we enable you to do so. Please don't speal not yet. Mr. Armitage, you've been doin on the M. Arminer, I'm assamed on How much money do you owe the sectionable 'liark person'.'
It was eight hundred, but now to also it out to be a thousand.'
I did not ask what houd the man har him not out loud, but I daresay the

ver him, not out loud, but I daresay the mestion was formulated in my brain, annot explain how it was, but I seems my disposal. Now, do not ask questio but do as you're told. Yes, it is a made if you like to think it so, it's

miracle which is going to be the making of you. Now, sit down and write."

He sat down and wrote, it took he some minutes. A young gentleman or not be expected to set down all he ow in an instant: I daresay there were om sions in that list of his when it was tshed, though it came to a nice little to as it was. "That's a very great deal of money,"
told him when I glanced at it. "Nea
three thousand pounds. If, by a miras
lous interposition, it is paid, is this s

thing going to recur? answer. You will leave Dieppe to-by the heat which starts at half-past Miss Stainer will leave also, in charge a lady who is a very dear friend of mi You will go to London, there you will

neans of things you must do. Tomorr you must buy your trousseau, and corts of things you will have to ha

and-new, Margery, if you will keep rying you'll make me cry, too, you Everything happened as I intend hey left by the early morning boat-Armitage was so shamefaced. He taill bewildered; even as the boat starting I believe he had a sort of feel that his brains were addled. Mrs. Cu

hared a cable with the girl. And artis stayed behind with me. The next morning I interviewed larke. I sent for him to Mr. Curtis' ing-room, and he came. Mr. Curtis began at the visitor before his nose well inside the door-I did have such biection to the man

that you have placed yourself in a us position? was; then he looked at Mr. Curtis

chars that kept him from saving s You have in your pocket a forged of acceptance which you received knowing it to be forged, and which have used for the purpose of exter-blackmail. I need not tell a person have placed yourself within the react the criminal law.

"Who the deuce are you, and what you mean by talking to me like this?"
"Mr. Armirage has instructed me act on his behalf." I laid some notes act on his behalf. I had some notes the table. "There is the money he o you. You'll give me the bill you hold a quittance in full of all the claims have against him."

The man made quite a pretty it scene—or, rather, he tried to; becaus few remarks from Mr. Curtis brought in the claims had really set up.

him to before he had really got un weigh. When he left that room he got his money, and I had the bill and uittance and everything I wanted. T interviewed Miss Drawbridge. found her in the courtyard of hotel having what she called her at

her at once. "Miss Drawbridge, Mr. Armitage wis me to tell you that the engagement we be entered into with you is at an As you made it clear to me that there sentiment about the matter, I am ou will excuse my treating it as a ess proposition-which is off." She did not seem to mind my tall

stend of my taking her aback, she That's all right. I've been tur satters over in my mind, and I think oif that it would be better to cut

o her like that in the very least, was a most extraordinary woman.

I left with Mr. Curtis by the aftern boat for London. The next day that fectionate pair were married. Mr. Co fectionate pair were married. Mr. Cu gave the bride away, and I was bridesmaid. Afterward we had out festive time with Mr. and Mrs. Cu On Saturday Cecil and Margery salled doubt if they had realized the situa I believe they still thoug as a miracle-and it was

was a miracle—and it was.

It was a miracle which material
and, if I may mix my metaphors—at
shall if I choose—bore fruit and flouris
Mr. Curtis, that miracle worker, a